



METAL AND NONMETAL 2004 NATIONAL MINE RESCUE CONTEST JULY 13-15, 2004 ~ RENO, NEVADA

CONTEST INFORMATION

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is pleased to announce the 2004 Metal and Nonmetal National Mine Rescue Contest. The Contest will be held on July 13, 14, and 15, 2004, at the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority in Reno, Nevada. Because of the importance of mine rescue to the entire mining community, there is a sincere hope that you will be able to participate in this year's Contest. Several changes have been made this year that is believed will provide a quality learning experience for all who attend.

MSHA has also invited a number of teams representing coal companies to participate in this year's event. The coal teams will not compete against metal and nonmetal teams, however, they will compete against each other. MSHA believes this concept will provide an opportunity for both metal and nonmetal and coal teams to jointly share and discuss mine rescue experiences and exchange ideas that may be of mutual benefit.

The Contest will be comprised of four events: the field competition consisting of a 2-day preliminary and a 1-day final competition (the top six teams from day 1 and day 2), an apparatus benchman contest, a multi-gas instrument benchman contest, and a first aid contest. Each event will include a written examination. A tentative schedule of events is found below. The full schedule of events will be available at registration.

MSHA feels the mine rescue teams in the United States of America provide the best trained best equipped, rescue capability in the world. MSHA hopes your company will continue to show their support for mine rescue by participating in this national competition.

If you have any questions concerning the Contest, please contact Christine (Tina) Mayhugh at (202) 693-9609, mayhugh.christine@dol.gov or John Radomsky at (202) 693-9614, radomsky.john@dol.gov.

REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration: To ensure your team's listing in the official program, please use [this link](#) for a copy of the Team Entry Form. The form must be returned with your entry fee payment of \$500 per team by May 31, 2004. Please make checks payable to Joseph A. Holmes – M/NM. Payment and entry forms should be mailed to Christine (Tina) Mayhugh with MSHA at

Mine Safety and Health Administration
ATTN: Tina Mayhugh
1100 Wilson Boulevard - Room 2444
Arlington, Virginia 22209-3939

If possible, please provide MSHA a digital photo of your team members when you submit the entry form. Photographs will be included in the 2004 National Mine Rescue Contest Program.

Early entry is encouraged to assure accurate planning and smooth coordination for the competition.

Each team participating in the 2004 Contest will receive 10 shirts and hats. A list of shirts sizes should be sent to Mike Padilla at mikeandcarol@sweetwaterhsa.com.

Team Registration: Team registration will be held at the Peppermill Hotel, on Monday, July 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please see the Hotel Reservations section shown below for more details on the Peppermill Hotel.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Room reservations are the responsibility of each individual team. For the convenience of our participants, a block of rooms have been set aside at the Peppermill Hotel located at 2707 S. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada, at a special rate of \$55.00 plus tax, double or single occupancy. If you choose to stay at the Peppermill, please call their reservation line at 1-800-648-6992 and identify yourself with the U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, (Code: **GMSHA04**) to reserve a room at the reduced rate. The cut-off date for room reservations at the reduced rate will be May 24, 2004.

COMPETITION

Written tests will be given to all participants prior to the preliminary field competition on Tuesday, July 13 at the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority. Preliminary National field competitions, for metal and nonmetal and participating coal teams, will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 13 and 14. Please remember metal and nonmetal and coal teams will not compete against each other, but rather concurrent with one another. The final competition will be conducted on Thursday, July 15. Teams not working the field problem may choose to compete in the bench, gas, and first aid competitions on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 13 and 14. However, a team member may not participate in more than one of these events.

BANQUET

The awards banquet will be held at the Peppermill Hotel on Thursday, July 15, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The cost will be \$30 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. To reserve a ticket, please make checks payable to the Peppermill Hotel and Casino (reference **GMSHA04 Banquet**). Please use [this link](#) for a copy of the Banquet Ticket Order Form. Payment should be mailed along with this form to Christine (Tina) Mayhugh with MSHA at

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Tickets should be purchased before June 7, 2004, as the banquet will be arranged for open seating with only a limited number of tickets available after this date. Tickets will be available for pick up during registration at the Peppermill Hotel on July 12. If you have any questions concerning either registration or the banquet, please contact Christine (Tina) Mayhugh at 202-693-9609 or e-mail at mayhugh.christine@dol.gov.

SHIPPING EQUIPMENT

Information concerning the shipping and storage of equipment will be sent to you at a later date and will be posted on MSHA's web site.

BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM

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COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO. _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS DESIRED: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____